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PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR MENDENHALL FROM NEWSOM

1. I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD AT YOUR RESPECTIVE CONFERENCE UNDERTAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CHAIRING PANEL FIVE ON QUOTE: EFFECT ON OUR POSITION IN AFRICA OF SOVIET AND PRC ACTIVITIES END QUOTE.

2. WHILE YOUR PRESENT POST, I THINK, PLACES YOU IN A PARTICULARLY PERTINENT POSITION TO OBSERVE THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR US POLICY, I HOPE YOU WILL ALSO FEEL FREE TO DRAW ON YOUR THOUGHTS AND EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE IN ORDER TO PUT THIS TOPIC IN WIDEST PERSPECTIVE AND STIMULATE LIVELY DISCUSSION.

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3. I ENVISAGE DEVOTING APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR TO THIS

ISSUE, BEGINNING WITH A 10-12 MINUTE LEAD PRESENTATION BY YOU, FOLLOWED BY 5 MINUTE COMMENTS BY OTHER PANEL MEMBERS, BEFORE OPENING THE FLOOR TO GENERAL DISCUSSION.

4. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK AMBASSADOR KIRK AND MR. LINDSTROM (OR NEW AMBASSADOR WHEN DESIGNATED) TO ASSIST YOU IN CONDUCTING THIS PANEL. MR. BRIGGS IS INVITED TO SERVE AS RAPPORTEUR AS WELL AS PARTICIPATING IN THE DISCUSSION.

5. I SUGGEST THAT THE CHAIRMAN IN EACH INSTANCE COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH THE OTHER DESIGNATED MEMBERS OF HIS PANEL REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS DISCUSSION. IF ANY OF US IN AF CAN HELP, DON'T HESITATE TO LET US KNOW.
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